

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Abstract:

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, collaborating with the Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County (AAATC) and the ADRC of Tarrant County (ADRCTC), proposes a Community Living Program (CLP) for caregivers and older persons at imminent risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend down.

The **goals** are: 1) refine, expand and replicate CLP in a densely populated urban area, and 2) expand the scope and array of consumer-directed and evidence-based services to maximize consumer choice. The ADRC will refine screening of at-risk consumers, and provide intensive in-home services using agency-based and consumer directed services to delay nursing home placement.

The **objectives** are: 1) effectively target consumers, including veterans, with needed community services and supports; 2) refine income screening, cost sharing and flexible Older Americans Act (OAA) funds to delay Medicaid spend down; 3) reduce time from first call to service initiation; 4) expand agency-based and voucher options to purchase services; 5) integrate person-centered evidence-based programs into service navigation functions; and 6) improve accountability of in-home service providers.

The expected **outcomes** are: 1) blueprint for transformation of ADRC and AAA networks for more targeted allocations of resources and expanded arrays of consumer directed services to maintain consumers in the community and provide caregiver support; and 2) attaining targets of 80% of consumers living in the community six months after services begin and 70% at 9 months.

The major **products** from this project are: final evaluation results, including analysis of consumer satisfaction and success of integrating evidence based practices into service navigation functions; and state-level policy changes pertaining to flexible use of OAA funds.